

1 This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims
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4 **Listing of Claims**

5 Claim 1 (original): A method for establishing a trading relationship
6 between trading partners involved in electronic commerce, the method comprising:
7 retrieving configuration details associated with a potential trading partner
8 from a remote site; and

9 automatically configuring a trading relationship with the potential trading
10 partner using the configuration details.

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12 Claim 2 (original): A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the retrieving
13 comprises addressing a URL (universal resource locator) to access the
14 configuration details.

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16 Claim 3 (original): A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the
17 automatically configuring comprises:
18 creating a trading partner record; and
19 automatically populating the trading partner record with the configuration
20 details.

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22 Claim 4 (original): In an electronic commerce trading system involving
23 exchanges of commerce information over a network, a method comprising:
24 collecting configuration details associated with a trading partner
25 participating in the commerce trading system; and

1 publishing the configuration details to a Web site.

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3 Claim 5 (original): A method as recited in claim 4, wherein the collecting
4 comprises presenting a graphical user interface to enable a user to enter the
5 configuration details.

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7 Claim 6 (original): A method as recited in claim 4, wherein the publishing
8 comprises posting the configuration details to a URL (universal resource locator)
9 at the Web site.

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11 Claim 7 (original): A method as recited in claim 4, wherein the Web site is
12 associated with the trading partner.

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14 Claim 8 (original): A method for establishing a trading relationship
15 between trading partners involved in electronic commerce, the method comprising:
16 creating a trading partner record for a potential trading partner;
17 retrieving configuration details associated with the potential trading partner
18 from a remote site; and
19 populating the trading partner record with the configuration details retrieved
20 from the remote site.

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22 Claim 9 (original): A method as recited in claim 8, wherein the retrieving
23 comprises addressing a URL (universal resource locator) to access the
24 configuration details posted to a Web site.

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1 Claim 10 (original): A method for establishing a trading relationship
2 between first and second trading partners involved in electronic commerce, the
3 method comprising:

4 collecting configuration details associated with the first trading partner;

5 publishing the configuration details to a Web site;

6 creating, at the second trading partner, a trading partner record for the first
7 trading partner;

8 retrieving the configuration details associated with the first trading partner
9 from the Web site; and

10 populating the trading partner record with the configuration details
11 associated with the first trading partner.
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13 Claim 11 (original): A method as recited in claim 10, wherein the collecting
14 comprises presenting a graphical user interface to enable a user to enter the
15 configuration details.
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17 Claim 12 (original): A method as recited in claim 10, wherein the
18 publishing comprises publishing the configuration details in XML format.
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20 Claim 13 (original): A method as recited in claim 10, wherein the
21 publishing comprises posting the configuration details to a URL (universal
22 resource locator) at the Web site.
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1 Claim 14 (original): A method as recited in claim 13, wherein the retrieving
2 comprises addressing the URL to access the configuration details posted to the
3 Web site.

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5 Claim 15 (original): A system comprising:

6 a first computer system at a first trading partner;

7 a second computer system at a second trading partner;

8 a Web site;

9 the first computer system collecting configuration details associated with
10 the first trading partner and publish the configuration details to the Web site; and

11 the second computer system retrieving the configuration details from the
12 Web site and automatically configure for a trading relationship with the first
13 trading partner using the configuration details.

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15 Claim 16 (original): A system as recited in claim 15, wherein the first
16 computer system hosts the Web site.

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18 Claim 17 (original): A system as recited in claim 15, wherein the first
19 computer system presents a graphical user interface to enable a user to enter the
20 configuration details.

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22 Claim 18 (original): A system as recited in claim 15, wherein the first
23 computer system posts the configuration details in XML format.

1 Claim 19 (original): A system as recited in claim 15, wherein the first
2 computer system posts the configuration details to a URL (universal resource
3 locator) at the Web site.

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5 Claim 20 (original): A system as recited in claim 19, wherein the second
6 computer system addresses the URL to access the configuration details.

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8 Claim 21 (original): A system as recited in claim 15, wherein the second
9 computer system creates a trading partner record and automatically populates the
10 trading partner record with the configuration details.

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12 Claim 22 (original): A electronic commerce system, comprising:
13 a first component at a first trading partner, the first component collecting
14 configuration details associated with the first trading partner and publishing the
15 configuration details to a Web site; and
16 a second component at a second trading partner, the second component
17 retrieving the configuration details from the Web site and automatically
18 configuring a trading relationship with the second trading partner using the
19 configuration details.

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21 Claim 23 (previously amended): A electronic commerce system as recited
22 in claim 22, wherein the first component presents a graphical user interface to
23 enable a user to enter the configuration details.

1 Claim 24 (previously amended): A electronic commerce system as recited
2 in claim 0, wherein the first component posts the configuration details to a URL
3 (universal resource locator) at the Web site.

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5 Claim 25 (previously amended): A electronic commerce system as recited
6 in claim 0, wherein the second component addresses the URL to access the
7 configuration details.

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9 Claim 26 (previously amended): A electronic commerce system as recited
10 in claim 0, wherein the second component creates a trading partner record and
11 automatically populates the trading partner record with the configuration details.

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13 Claim 27 (original): A software architecture for an electronic commerce
14 system having trading partners that exchange data over a network, comprising:

15 first program code stored on a computer-readable medium at a first trading
16 partner, the first program code having computer-executable instructions that, when
17 executed by one or more processors, collect configuration details associated with
18 the first trading partner and publish the configuration details to a Web site; and

19 second program code stored on a computer-readable medium at a second
20 trading partner, the second program code having computer-executable instructions
21 that, when executed by one or more processors, retrieve the configuration details
22 from the Web site and automatically configure a trading relationship with the
23 second trading partner using the configuration details.

1 Claim 22 (original): In an electronic commerce trading system involving
2 exchanges of commerce information over a network, a computer-readable medium
3 at a computer system participating in the commerce trading system storing
4 computer-executable instructions for:

5 collecting configuration details associated with a trading partner that
6 participates in electronic commerce; and

7 publishing the configuration details to a Web site.

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9 Claim 29 (original): In an electronic commerce trading system involving
10 exchanges of commerce information over a network, a computer-readable medium
11 at a computer system participating in the commerce trading system storing
12 computer-executable instructions for:

13 creating a trading partner record for a potential trading partner that
14 participates in electronic commerce;

15 retrieving configuration details associated with the potential trading partner
16 from a Web site; and

17 populating the trading partner record with the configuration details retrieved
18 from the Web site.

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20 Claim 30 (previously added): A method for establishing a trading
21 relationship between trading partners involved in electronic commerce, the method
22 comprising:

23 retrieving configuration details associated with a first potential trading
24 partner from a remote site by a second potential trading partner;

1 retrieving configuration details associated with the second potential trading
2 partner from a remote site by the first potential trading partner; and

3 automatically configuring a trading relationship with the first and the
4 second potential trading partners using the configuration details.

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6 Claim 31 (previously added): A method as recited in claim 30, wherein
7 the retrieving comprises addressing a URL (universal resource locator) to access
8 the configuration details of the first and the second trading partners.

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10 Claim 32 (previously added): A method as recited in claim 30, wherein
11 the automatically configuring comprises:

12 creating a trading partner record; and

13 automatically populating the trading partner record with the configuration
14 details.

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16 Claim 33 (previously added): A method for establishing a trading
17 relationship between first and second trading partners involved in electronic
18 commerce, the method comprising:

19 collecting first and second configuration details associated with the first and
20 the second trading partners, respectively;

21 publishing the first and second configuration details to at least one Web
22 site;

23 creating, at the second trading partner, a trading partner record for the first
24 trading partner;

1 creating, at the first trading partner, a trading partner record for the second
2 trading partner;

3 retrieving the configuration details associated with the first trading partner
4 from the Web site;

5 retrieving the configuration details associated with the second trading
6 partner from the Web site;

7 populating the trading partner record of the second trading partner with the
8 configuration details associated with the first trading partner; and

9 populating the trading partner record of the first trading partner with the
10 configuration details associated with the second trading partner.

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12 Claim 34 (previously added): A method as recited in claim 33, wherein
13 the collecting comprises presenting a graphical user interface to enable a user to
14 enter the configuration details.

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16 Claim 35 (previously added): A method as recited in claim 33, wherein
17 the publishing comprises publishing the configuration details in XML format.

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19 Claim 36 (previously added): A method as recited in claim 33, wherein
20 the publishing comprises publishing the first configuration details at a first Web
21 site associated with the first trading partner and the second configuration details at
22 a second Web site associated with the second trading partner.

1 Claim 37 (previously added): A method as recited in claim 33,
2 wherein the publishing comprises posting the configuration details to a URL
3 (universal resource locator) at the Web site.

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5 Claim 38 (previously added): A method as recited in claim 37, wherein
6 the retrieving comprises addressing the URL to access the configuration details
7 posted to the Web site.

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9 Claim 39 (previously added): A system comprising:
10 a first computer system at a first trading partner;
11 a second computer system at a second trading partner;
12 the first computer system collecting first configuration details associated
13 with the first trading partner and publishing the configuration details to a first Web
14 site;

15 the second computer system collecting second configuration details
16 associated with the second trading partner and publishing the configuration details
17 to a second Web site;

18 the first computer system retrieving the second configuration details from
19 the second Web site and automatically configuring for a trading relationship with
20 the first trading partner using the second configuration details; and

21 the second computer system retrieving the first configuration details from
22 the first Web site and automatically configuring for a trading relationship with the
23 first trading partner using the first configuration details.